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NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of males and females between the age group of 15 to 35 years educated under the National Literacy Mission (NLM) in the country including Maharashtra and Bihar during each of the last three years. State and Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to publicise the National Literacy Mission among the aged people and give them some incentives;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the literacy level in Maharashtra as compared to the National level as on March 31, 2007?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) The literacy programmes of National Literacy Mission are sanctioned on project basis and are not co-terminus with the calendar year. The results of the projects sanctioned in a particular year are available only on conclusion of the project and its external evaluation, which may take few years. A statement showing, state-wise, including Maharashtra and Bihar, the number of persons made literate so far, under National Literacy Mission is annexed. It is estimated that about 60% of the beneficiaries are women.

(b) Presently National Literacy Mission is focusing on the age group of 15 to 35 years.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The literacy data in the country is collected through the decennial census operation conducted by the Registrar General of India. According to the last census held in 2001, the literacy rate in Maharashtra is 76.88% as compared to 64.84%) at the national level.